

BAXTER SPRINGS NEWS.

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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

THE widow of General George H. Thomas died suddenly at Washington on the 25th.

THE President accompanied by Senators Edmunds and Hawley and others left on the 26th for a three days' duck hunting trip to the mouth of the Potomac and along Chesapeake bay. They went in Commodore Bateman's steam yacht.

SURGEON-GENERAL HAMILTON, of the marine hospital service, has prepared regulations to prevent the introduction of leprosy into the United States.

THE Secretary of the Navy has adopted a new design for the flag of the navy, to take effect July 1, 1891. It will be applied to both the flag and the union jack of the navy and consists of a rectangular arrangement of the forty-two stars.

THE Acting Judge Advocate-General reports 13,580 cases tried by army court martial out of a force of 25,000. The number of individuals was 9,839, some being tried for more than one offense.

THE Senate Committee on Canadian Relations held a session in New York City on the 30th and listened to statements of a Gloucester, Mass., fisherman who advocated retaliation. Erastus Wiman consumed the rest of the day with a plea for reciprocity with Canada.

REAR ADMIRAL KIMBERLY has been ordered home from the command of the Pacific station January 25. Commodore George Brown will succeed him.

ONE of the witnesses examined before the Ways and Means Committee recently was a glass manufacturer named MacBeth who wanted free trade.

THE EAST.

A NEW YORK judge recently set aside a verdict of \$50,000 damages "for loss of a wife's affection," and in doing so remarked that "the finding was probably the result of an acute attack of that species of mental hysteria to which juries in sexual cases are peculiarly liable."

THE option of \$10,000,000 given to W. P. Shinn on the coal mines of Monongahela river having expired, Mr. Shinn, who represents New York capitalists, has asked for an extension of the option until July 1, when he thinks the sale can be effected. The operators are considering the matter.

ONE house was wrecked, a steeple blown down and other damage done at Fall River, Mass., the other night by a storm. No one was hurt.

A CAVE-IN of large proportions occurred at Plains, a suburb of Wilkes-barre, Pa., recently, when, without warning, the surface of the earth settled and great holes appeared, some of them thirty feet deep. St. Leo's Catholic Church was damaged, as were the parsonage and several other buildings.

By a collision between freight trains in a cut near Moyer station, below Scottsdale, Pa., the other day both engines and fifteen cars were wrecked and the train men all injured but not fatally.

A BRANCH of the British Sailors and Firemen's Union has been formed in New York and increased wages will be asked January 14, when there will be a grand street demonstration. The long-shoremen are with them.

AMONG the recent deaths from la grippe was G. W. Swain, instructor of mathematics at Harvard College, and J. T. Coolidge, a bank president of Boston.

CHU FONG, a young Chinese merchant has been arrested for swindling New Yorkers out of \$20,000.

Two hundred and fifty puddlers in one of Carnegie's iron mills in Pittsburgh have struck because the iron furnished was too strong.

THE ten or twelve Atlantic steamships, belated by storms, arrived finally at New York, all well.

A BAD axle caused a wreck on the Philadelphia & Reading at Philadelphia the other night. Seven lady passengers were hurt.

NEARLY 300 New York policemen are laid up with the grip.

JUDGE DWIGHT, at Rochester, N. Y., on the 30th, upheld the constitutionality of the law providing capital punishment by electricity.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON, a grandson of the first Secretary of the Treasury, died at Irvington, N. Y., recently, aged seventy-eight years.

THE WEST.

THE recent California rains proved especially disastrous to railroad property. In places the tracks were eighteen feet deep in water.

LENA SCHIPP, a poor woman of Omaha, Neb., deserted by her husband, has been terribly afflicted. She left her three children the other morning to go out washing when the house burned and all three perished. One was a babe three months old.

THE United States cruiser Charleston went into service at San Francisco on the 26th.

TEN cars of a Wabash freight train went down an embankment at Delphi, Ind. Three tramps were slightly hurt.

THE four stamp clerks in the Chicago post-office are very much worried over the unaccountable disappearance of stamps since last July. Every effort to solve the mystery has been a failure.

IN the Western College fire at Toledo, Iowa, the collection of curios of the late S. H. Thomson, of Chicago, was totally destroyed. It cost in cash over \$125,000 and was the property of his brother-in-law, Charles Mason, of Toledo, to whose wife it was bequeathed. Not a single relic of the valuable collection was saved.

NANTHIZ, an Apache Indian, who murdered Lieutenant Seward Mott, of the Tenth cavalry, on the San Carlos reservation March 10, 1887, has been hanged at Globe, Ariz.

JOSEPH NEWMAN and Ernest Lomborg stepped from a Chicago street car in front of a freight train the other evening. Newman died in two hours and Lomborg's case was critical.

THREE new Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church were consecrated at St. Paul, Minn., on the 27th. They were Rev. John Shanley, of St. Paul; Rev. James McGolrick, of Minneapolis; and Rev. Joseph R. Cotter, of Winona.

By an explosion of sawdust in Schmitt & Co.'s show case factory, Cincinnati, three men were badly burned. Little damage was done.

IN a frenzied fit a farmer named Major, living two miles north of Mount Vernon, Mich., recently killed his wife, his daughter and granddaughter. He wound up by hanging himself.

ONLY fifteen of the one hundred so-called lumpy-jawed cattle at Chicago were found affected.

By a disaster on the Chesapeake & Ohio, near White Sulphur Springs, on the 28th, ten or eleven persons were killed and many injured. The accident was due to a broken axle.

JOHN CLARK, an old, paralyzed farmer, met a horrible fate at Tykyle's bath house, Kokomo, Ind., recently. Tykyle put the old man in a bath, leaving the gas jet burning underneath, and went off on a spree. The old man was boiled to death before Tykyle returned.

MRS. JANE ERWIN and her two daughters were asphyxiated at Oakland, Cal., recently. They were on their way to join their husband and father, who had a ranch in Ventura County, and were from Benton County, Mo.

THEODORE GROSS, his wife, eight children and a visiting friend were burned to death in their home at Hurontown, Mich., early on the morning of the 29th. It was thought the awful affair was due to the intoxication of the parents, who had been to a dance the previous night.

OFFICER HALLIHAN, of Chicago, arrived at the home of James Lenz, a peddler just in time the other evening to prevent Lenz hanging his wife. The rope was around the woman's neck.

By the falling of a tree across a wagon near Muncie, Ind., the other day Allen Sanderson and one of his children were killed.

S. E. STEPHENSON, son of Congressman S. M. Stephenson, of Menominee, Wis., died the other night.

THE Academy of Music, in course of erection at St. Louis, fell recently. Fifty workmen had a narrow escape, only one being hurt.

A BANQUET was given Associate Justice Brewer at Leavenworth, Kan., on the 30th. The Justice spoke glowingly of the future of Kansas.

MRS. ADDIE MARQUIS, wife of Lieutenant-Governor-elect Marquis, of Ohio, died at Bellefontaine on the 30th. Mrs. Marquis was formerly a resident of Cincinnati.

JOHN LOWES, aged thirty-four years, has been arrested near Schell City, Mo., for abducting thirteen-year-old Mary Lockhart on Christmas day. The couple went to the Indian Territory Christmas night and were married there.

THE SOUTH.

THE Governor of Texas had information recently that a riot was threatened in Tyler County, and ordered out the militia to aid the sheriff in keeping the peace.

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn., was afflicted with a race riot on Christmas day. One colored man was fatally and another seriously wounded. A veritable reign of terror existed at Jessup, Ga., the killed numbering ten and the negro Brewer's outlaw gang being hunted by armed parties of whites.

By the giving way of a scaffold fifty feet from the ground on a new bank building in Baltimore, Md., three men fell and two were probably fatally injured.

WILL and Calvin Odell, brothers, of Burnett County, Tex., charged with murder and robbery, were killed the other night by the deputy sheriff of Edwards County while resisting arrest.

NINE men were horribly and some fatally burned by an explosion of molten iron at the Mosher foundry, Dallas, Tex., recently.

THE jail at Barnwell, S. C., was raided recently and eight negro criminals taken out and shot to death.

JAMES A. SMITH, a lawyer of Mangum, Greer County, Tex., was killed recently by the accidental discharge of a revolver his friend, Walter Farmer, was trying to take from his pocket.

GENERAL.

ROBERT GARRETT, the demented ex-president of the B. & O., is again very ill.

DURING a fog on the Clyde (Scotland) the steamer Covington came into collision with the steamer Queen Victoria and the former sank. Five persons were drowned.

THE London Stock Exchange was quiet during the week ended December 28, with the money market tight. The Continental bourses were dull.

THE ex-Empress of Brazil is dead. DOM CARLOS was proclaimed King of Portugal on the 28th.

EMIN PASHA was lately reported to be improving in health.

MR. GLADSTONE received 200 telegrams and 500 letters congratulating him upon his eightieth birthday. The earliest telegram to arrive was from the Prince and Princess of Wales.

CLEARING house returns for the week ended December 28 showed an average increase of 2.1 compared with the corresponding week of last year. In New York there was a decrease of 1.5.

AT the initial performance of "Joan d'Arc" at Paris, the funeral pyre in the play became ignited and Sarah Bernhardt fainted, but was not injured.

QUEEN OLGA, of Wurtemberg, was reported suffering from an attack of influenza.

OF ninety-one Socialists on trial for six weeks at Eberfeld, Germany, forty-seven were acquitted of conspiring to disturb the public peace and the others were sentenced to imprisonment for from three days to eighteen months.

BRADSTREET reports 11,719 failures in the United States for the year 1889, with liabilities of \$140,359,49 and assets of \$70,599,769. This is the largest number of failures and greater liabilities than for any year in the past three years. The increase in the number of failures over 1888 is 1,132; increase in liabilities, \$20,117,088; increase in assets, \$8,599,858.

EDWARD HANLAN is out with a reply to Jake Gaudaur in which the Canadian says he will row Gaudaur a single scull race for from \$2,000 to \$5,000, the race to be rowed before next July.

DOM PEDRO continues utterly prostrated. The doctors have advised that efforts be made to rouse him by conversation, but he does not respond to any one's questions.

A PAPAL Consistory was held on the 30th. The Pope delivered an allocution in which he emphasized his censure of the Government's Ecclesiastical Trusts bill and condemned the deposition of the Bishop of Altamura, Italy.

A DISASTROUS fire occurred in the industrial schools at West Ham, near London, recently. Twenty-four lives were lost. The buildings were almost totally destroyed.

THE Berlin Tageblatt claims to have positive information that Dr. Peters, the African explorer, and the members of his party are alive.

THE LATEST.

THE Boston Daily Advertiser announces a reduction in its price from four to three cents.

TODD PECK, telegraph operator on the Chicago & Milwaukee road, was killed at Decatur, Iowa, recently while assisting in switching.

MRS. MARY SMITH, whose weight was 700 pounds, died in New York recently, aged forty-eight.

WHILE digging in the sand at Jackson, Tenn., four little children were buried by a fall of the bank. Only one was taken out alive.

ON the Panhandle road, near Kokomo, Ind., a collision between a freight and passenger train occurred on the 31st. Several of the trainmen were killed and injured.

JUSTICE LAMAR has notified a Richmond, Va., committee that other duties would prevent his delivering an oration in that city on Jefferson Davis and that he regretted it very much.

REVENUE returns indicate a surplus of \$5,000,000 in the year's finances of the United Kingdom.

A RUMOR was current in Washington on the 31st that Mr. Randall's condition was much worse. Inquiry at his house was answered by an emphatic denial from his family. Mr. Randall was much better and was out of bed and attending to his correspondence.

TUBBS, the Western Union telegraph man, has been ordered by the Chicago court to answer the questions in the suit brought by Telegrapher Randall for being blacklisted.

THE Massachusetts Tariff Reform League had a banquet at Boston on the 31st. Roger Q. Mills and Edward Atkinson were the main speakers.

LORD SALISBURY was one of the victims of la grippe.

GOVERNMENT troops claim a complete victory over the rebels in Salvador.

THE remains of the poet Browning have been laid to rest in Westminster Abbey.

ANOTHER plot against the life of the Czar is reported to have been discovered in St. Petersburg.

ENGLAND is preparing to bring pressure to bear on Switzerland to induce that country to cease its persecutions of the Salvation Army bands, most of whom are English.

LOUIS HITZLER, errand boy for the Orange Judd Farmer, of Chicago, has been arrested and has confessed having stolen money from the paper's mail for two months.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

Going to Work.

Secretary F. L. Dana has issued the following call:

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 24.—**DEAR** SIR:—The board of engineers asked for by the Denver resolutions has reported to the Secretary of War that Galveston is the most suitable place upon the Texas coast for the construction of the deep harbor asked for; therefore President Evans instructs me to call the general committee together to meet in Galveston, January 14, 1890, at ten o'clock a. m., in the parlors of the Tremont Hotel, to consider the report and provide for further carrying out of the Denver resolutions. I am making arrangements for transportation with every hope of success. Correspond with me at Topeka, Kas., until December 29, afterwards at Denver, Col., until January 2. Your presence is earnestly desired at the meeting. Hoping to see you there, I am, truly yours, F. L. DANA, Secretary.

Fatal Playing of Santa Claus.

C. H. Long, of Wichita, a leading citizen, who personated Santa Claus at the First Christian Church entertainment Christmas eve, died a few hours afterward. His physicians say the mask worn at the entertainment caused him to breathe bad air and bring on heart trouble.

Judge Dostler's Decision.

An item is going the rounds of the press stating that Judge Frank Dostler, of Marion, had decided that a mortgagee could not buy property at a sheriff's sale, under foreclosure proceedings. The following extract from a letter written by Judge Dostler explains his decision:

DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 11th instant with clippings from paper saying I had decided mortgagee could not buy mortgaged property received. I, of course, did not so decide as far as mortgagee of real estate is concerned. I did decide that a chattel mortgagee could not buy at his own sale, where he had refused competitive bids, and where instead of selling in parcels, he sold in gross, after being requested by bystanders to sell in parcels, and in such case he must account to mortgagor for value of property and not its purchase price simply. In this case I probably instructed that a chattel mortgagee could not buy at his own sale, but such instruction was intended to apply to the particular facts of the case. A few days after this case was tried the Supreme court decided, so the syllabus reads, that a chattel mortgagee may buy at his own sale, but the burden is upon him to show that such sale was fair and bona fide, etc., etc.

Shot by His Own Gun.

A hunting party twenty miles west of Wichita, while chasing a jack rabbit, was startled by the explosion of a gun and John Dillman falling from his horse. He was accidentally shot in the side by his own gun, and soon afterward died.

Kansas Asks For Ten.

Kansas members have introduced in Congress bills for ten public buildings in the State. Mr. Morrill thinks Atchison is of sufficient importance to demand a public building, and Mr. Anderson is similarly impressed with the claims of Salina. Mr. Perkins wants two new buildings in his district—one at Winfield and the other at Arkansas City. Mr. Funston introduced a bill for a \$250,000 building at Kansas City. Wellington, Hutchinson and Newton, in Mr. Peters' district, each wants a public building. Mr. Kelley desires the enlargement of the Topeka post-office, and also will ask for a public building at Emporia.

An Old Soldier Killed.

An old veteran stationed at the Leavenworth Soldiers' Home, named Alexander Blackburn, was foully murdered and robbed in that city a few nights ago for a small amount of pension money he had on his person.

Teachers Declare for Prohibition.

The annual meeting of the Kansas Teachers' Association, held at Topeka, was largely attended. The following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Prohibitory amendment to the Constitution of Kansas has, by driving the saloon beyond her borders, brought happiness and comfort to thousands of homes, has brought thousands of sober, industrious people to us from other States and from other lands; has reduced crime and pauperism; has made it easier for us to govern and teach the children of the Commonwealth, and has elevated Kansas to a plane of civilization never reached by any other people in the history of the world; therefore,

Resolved, That we are now and forever opposed to a resubmission of the Prohibitory amendment; and that it is our deliberate conviction that the Prohibitory amendment is as firmly embedded in the Constitution of Kansas and in the hearts of her people as are the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments embedded in the Federal Constitution, and in the hearts of the American people.

Resolved, That the substance of the foregoing resolution be telegraphed to every State Teachers' Association now in session in any part of the United States.

Wants Damages.

Mrs. Margaret Edwards, who, in company with her husband, Alonzo Edwards, was maltreated by a mob last summer at El Dorado on suspicion of having murdered and concealed the remains of little Sadie Bloomer, has brought suit against D. R. Tilton, the leader of the mob, and forty-five of his followers for \$25,000 for injuries received at their hands. Mrs. Edwards and her husband were brutally beaten by Tilton and his party, and both were hung several times until life was extinct in the effort to make them reveal the place where they had hidden the remains of the child. The child was afterward found on the door step of a neighboring house totally uninjured.

A New Enterprise.

Articles of incorporation, announcing a capital stock of \$400,000, have been filed by the Consolidated Land and Cattle Company of Kansas City with the Secretary of State at Topeka. The object of the company is the breeding, raising, buying and selling of cattle and horses, and in connection therewith the buying, owning, holding, leasing and selling of real estate throughout the United States.

TOWN SITES.

A Bill Agreed Upon in Relation to Oklahoma Town Sites.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Messrs. Struble, of Iowa, Perkins, of Kansas, and Washington, of Tennessee, constituting the sub-committee of the House Committee on Territories, met yesterday to consider the Oklahoma Town Site bill introduced by Judge Perkins December 18. They agreed to report the bill favorably to the full committee at its next meeting, and made but few changes in the original text.

The bill as agreed upon provides that three commissioners shall be appointed for each portion of the public lands settled upon and occupied as a town site under section 13 of the act of March 2 last; that the commissioners, wherever called upon by any of the occupants of a town site, and the money for the entry of such town site is furnished shall enter at the proper land-office at the minimum price, the land so settled and occupied, not exceeding one-half section for each town site, in trust for the use and benefit of the several occupants, according to their respective interests; that the commissioners shall be actual residents of Oklahoma; that whenever there is a contest between a homestead claimant and the occupant of a town site for any portion of the tract sought to be entered, it shall take precedence of the ordinary business of the office and be heard and determined as soon as practicable by the register and receiver of the district, and if an appeal is taken to the General Land-office, it shall be made special and disposed of by the Commissioner as soon as the duties of his office will permit, and so, also, if an appeal be taken to the Secretary of the Interior, that all town site applications heretofore filed in the proper land-office shall have the same force and effect as if made under the provisions of this act, and upon the application of the commissioners such town site entries shall be allowed in the name of the commissioners as trustees upon the applications therefor filed, but nothing in the act shall be construed as extending the rights of the town sites or of impairing rights heretofore secured under existing law; that the compensation of the commissioners shall not exceed \$6 per day; that the commissioners shall have power to administer oaths and to issue subpoenas; that the Secretary of the Interior shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to the commissioners to be appointed, that there shall be reserved to all religious organizations the lots now occupied by them, and that there shall be reserved to municipal corporations for parks and public buildings all unoccupied lands.

The provisions of the act continue in force until the Legislative Assembly that shall meet under the Territorial Government, which may be established by Congress over Oklahoma Territory, shall make provision for the execution of such trusts and for town site entries, provided that all cases then pending shall be disposed of under the provisions of this act.

TRAINMEN MANGLED.

Fatal Railroad Wreck Near Kokomo, Ind.—Trainmen suffer.

KOKOMO, Ind., Jan. 1.—On the Panhandle railway, one mile north of the depot here yesterday morning, passenger train N. 13, northbound, conductor Thomas Lamb, met train No. 14, southbound, in care of conductor V. D. Noland, and running a cut fifty miles an hour. The two trains crashed together, totally demolishing the engines and burning the baggage car and coaches of the southbound train, which tumbled on top of the engines.

George Cummings, engineer of No. 14, was buried in the wreck, and died immediately after being extricated. Tom McCullough, engineer of No. 13, lies at the Clinton House here with his head crushed and can not live. Baggage-master J. Kerlin, injured in the back and head, was taken to Galveston, where he died at nine o'clock. Thomas Harber also was hurt seriously. Adams Express Messenger Grant was seriously though not fatally hurt about the body. Two men named Woods and Webb were badly hurt in the general mixup, but not fatally. A number of passengers in the coaches were shaken up badly, but the Pullmans escaped, many of the passengers not being awakened.

Judge Brewer Banqueted.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 31.—Last night the new Delmonico Hotel in this city was crowded with 150 notable citizens from all parts of the State, the occasion being a farewell banquet in honor of Judge D. J. Brewer, the new Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

At the conclusion of the gastronomic festivities Hon. Thomas P. Fenlon, chairman of the committee, called Judge Crozier to the toast master's chair. Judge Crozier returned thanks for the complimentary expressions of the chairman and took the post of honor.

It was past ten o'clock when the responses to the toasts were commenced and all of them were listened to attentively.

Letters of regret were received from Hon. C. G. Foster, Governor Humphrey, R. E. Simpson, Justice Johnson, of the Kansas Supreme Court, and Chief Justice Horton.